

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2005

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Executive Session – Personnel pursuant to RI State Law 42-46-5(a)(1) and Contract and Litigation pursuant to RI State Law 42-46-5(a)(2)

III. Call to Order – Open Session

IV. Roll Call/Quorum

**V. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – November 28, 2005; December 5, 2005,
December 7, 2005; and December 12, 2005**

**VI. Minutes of Previous Meetings: November 7, 2005; November 14, 2005; November 16, 2005; November 21, 2005; November 28, 2005;
December 5, 2005**

VII. Public Acknowledgements/Communications

VIII. Chairperson Communications

IX. Superintendent Communications

X. School Committee Member Communications

XI. Public Hearing

a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Items)

b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)

XII. Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE

NO. 05-12-3 – Whereas, Bain Middle School TV’s video “Brown vs. the Board of Education” was recently awarded the trophy for the “Best Educational Program” on Cable Access Television in Rhode Island for 2005, and

Whereas, there were more than 66,000 half-hour programs on Rhode Island Cable Access TV this year, and

Whereas, this video was also awarded the prestigious “John Notte

Award” as the “Best Rhode Island Cable Access Program of the Year” in all categories, and

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Whereas, the following Bain Middle School students, faculty, and staff played a major role in this great accomplishment:

Students

Michael Aldana Robert Esposito Michael Martone Alyson Rodriguez

Brittany Alterio Anthony Liberatore Antonio Medina Michael Sammartino

Amanda Bedard Erick Mancebo Michael Mitchrone Sean Sederstrom

Kyle Cooper Salvador Mancebo Victoria Nounpa Raymond Soccio

Faculty and Staff

Robert Gerardi, Former Principal, Bain Middle School

Gerald Silberman, Retired Teacher and Bain TV Director, Bain Middle School

Robert Perrotti, New Bedford High School Video Production Program

Be it RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee recognize the Bain Middle School students, faculty, and staff for their outstanding

effort and this great accomplishment, and

Be it further RESOLVED, that they receive a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the Cranston School Committee.

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NO. 05-12-4 – Whereas, the Cranston High School East Varsity Football Team under the direction of head coach Tom Centore, assistant coaches James Dionizio, Ken Simone, Jason Ward, Jason Cerro, and volunteer assistants Dante Carnevale, Tony Centore, Victor Correia, Dick Downey, Mike Giblin, Chuck Jones, Paul Nadeau, and Mike Schiappa had an outstanding season in the fall of 2005, and

Whereas, through their hard work and dedication in the weight room and on the field, captured the Division II League Co-championship with a record of 8-1, and

Whereas, through their continued hard work, outstanding team and individual performances defeated Shea High School at Cranston Stadium in the State Semi-finals 27-24 allowing them to advance to the Division II State Championship Super Bowl on December 3, 2005 at Cranston Stadium where they were led by Super Bowl MVP Jon Pirolli in their 21-14 victory over defending State Champion Tolman High School giving Cranston High School East their first Football State Championship since 1987 while finishing the season with an overall record of 10-3,

Be it RESOLVED that the following team members be congratulated by the Cranston School Committee and that they receive a copy of this Resolution signed by members of the committee:

**Capt. Vincent Cromartie Capt. Nicholas Gaumond Nolan
Gaumond Zach Kirkwood David Giarrusso**

**David Krasnowiecki Thomas Cook Joseph Casale Russell Bacon
Heleno Miranda**

**Patrick Duffy Russell Pagano Rusbel Perez Boreth Ouk
Derek Moore**

**Ginauldi Arias Adam Garnetto Zeke Perrault Shane DeLoge
Arnold Castillo**

**Jaquen Sripsack Darnell Steele Akim Pittman Jonathyn Pirolli
Luis Diaz**

**Eddy Garcia Geoffrey Gillson Nathon Freedman Kenny De-Los
Santos Haniel Hernandez**

**Mark Richards Sunny Lei Scott Sanger Joseph Fortes Antonio
Mangione**

**Jason Theroux Roberto Luna-Santana Jeremy Beers Nathan
Nascenzi Patrick Meseck**

**Andrew Belmore Richard Houlihan Bryan Breedon Gustavo
Ramirez Capt. Miguel Prata**

**Mark Garafano Capt. Robert Angell Sean Benevides Roberto
Romero Jonathan Collado**

Devan Henderson John Kosinski Robert Theroux Michael

Perry Rafael Hernandez

Josh Ahern Justin Breedon Desmond Brooks Mackensie

Dagobert Mark Silvestri

Christopher Perrotta Patrick Stycos

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SPONSORED BY MR. STYCOS

NO. 05-12-5 – RESOLVED, that the Superintendent’s proposed 2006-2007 budget shall include columns for actual expenditures for both 2004-2005 and 2003-2004. It shall also take steps to eliminate line items which are re-distributed to other line items during the school year.

SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE

NO. 05-12-6 - RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee appoint a new Superintendent of the Cranston Public Schools effective July 1, 2006.

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 05-12-7 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the

Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year:

Arlene Kibarian, salary to be at the ninth step of the prevailing salary schedule.

Education – Rhode Island College, B.A.

Experience – Valley Community School

Certification – Middle/Secondary Special Education

Assignment – Cranston High School East, Special Education, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – December 5, 2005

Authorization – Replacement

Fiscal Note: 11332012 512100

NO. 05-12-8 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Kimberly Perschau General Subject Matter

Traci Rainone Physical Education, K-12

Lillian Rippey Speech Pathologist

Alice Hand Speech Pathologist

Edward Day Social Studies/Administration

Deborah St. Pierre Secondary English

NO. 05-12-9 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following certified personnel be accepted:

**Robert J. Scaffardi, Executive Director
Educational Programs and Services
Effective Date: December 30, 2005**

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NO. 05-12-10 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following certified personnel be accepted:

**Kimberly Webster, Occupational Therapist
Special Services
Effective Date: January 2, 2006**

NO. 05-12-11 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as athletic coaches:

David Barr, Head Boys' Indoor Track

Step – 3

Class – B

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – Assistant Coach Boys' Outdoor Track, Cranston High School West

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified

David Fontes, Assistant Coach Girls' Basketball

Step – 3

Class – C

Playing Competition – High School

Experience – Coach CLCF GALS Basketball; Volunteer Cranston High School West Girls' Basketball

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified

NO. 05-12-12 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be re-appointed as athletic coaches:

CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL EAST

Lauren Brown Head Girls' Basketball

William Coughlin Assistant Boys' Basketball

Jessica Greene Assistant Girls' Basketball

CRANSTON HIGH SCHOOL WEST

Jaime Ferretti Head Boys'/Girls' Swimming

Richard Perrotta Head Girls' Basketball

James Royal Assistant Wrestling

NO. 05-12-13 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employee be recalled from layoff:

Rachel Bousquet, Teacher Assistant

Western Hills Middle School

Effective Date: December 15, 2005

NO. 05-12-14 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employees be appointed:

Gail Rodrigues, Bus Aide

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment – November 21, 2005

Fiscal Note: 14347542 519500

Edward Pontarelli, ESL Instructor

Alternate Education Program

Effective Date of Employment – November 7, 2005

Fiscal Note: 54262129 512100

Sandra Ellis, Teacher Assistant

Orchard Farms School

Effective Date of Employment – November 28, 2005

Fiscal Note: 13632032 519500

Michelle Rondeau, Teacher Assistant

Orchard Farms School

Effective Date of Employment – December 5, 2005

Fiscal Note: 13632032 519500

Charles Moreau, Four-hour Custodian

Plant/Garden City

Effective Date of Employment – December 13, 2005

Fiscal Note: 12247481 518200

John E. McHugh, Four-hour Custodian

Plant/Barrows School

Effective Date of Employment – December 13, 2005

Fiscal Note: 11247481 518200

Jessica Placido, Kidventure Instructor

Gladstone School

Effective Date of Employment – October 17, 2005

Fiscal Note: 53115111 511360

Victoria Faiola, Kidventure Instructor

Gladstone School

Effective Date of Employment – October 17, 2005

Fiscal Note: 53115111 511360

Keri Pearlman, Social Worker Intern

Bain Middle School

Effective Date of Employment – October 17, 2005

Fiscal Note: 53115111 51360

Melissa Curren, Social Worker Intern

Bain Middle School

Effective Date of Employment – October 17, 2005

Fiscal Note: 53115111 511360

Jorge Vargas, Computer Repair Technician

Technology Services

December 27, 2005

Fiscal Note: 14723560 516550

NO. 05-12-15 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

Alex Hirsch

Karen Sepe

NO. 05-12-16 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Lynda Regine, Secretary

Cranston High School East

Effective Date: December 30, 2005

Betty Tranghese, Teacher Assistant

Peters School

Effective Date: January 2, 2006

Lena Sampietro, Teacher Assistant

Bain Middle School

Effective Date: December 30, 2005

Louise Lancellotta, Teacher Assistant

Garden City School

Effective Date: December 30, 2005

Anna M. Stapleton, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date: December 28, 2005

NO. 05-12-17 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignations of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Elaine Delaney, Instructor

Alternate Education Program

Effective Date: October 25, 2005

Sharon Piscitelli, Payroll Secretary

Business Office

Effective Date: December 2, 2005

Alice Depina, Teacher Assistant

Cranston High School East

Effective Date: November 28, 2005

Richard Campagnone, Custodian
Plant/Alternate Education Program
Effective Date: January 3, 2006

NO. 05-12-18 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, named non-certified staff member be laid off from their respective position due to budgetary reasons.

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NO. 05-12-19 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of Employee B be accepted.

BUSINESS

NO. 05-12-20 – RESOLVED, that Anthony J. Lupino be reimbursed for travel and miscellaneous expenses in the amount of \$453.76 for the period June 9, 2005 to December 1, 2005.

NO. 05-12-21 - RESOLVED, that the following purchases be approved:

Wheelchair Lift for Alternate Education Program in the amount of \$39,724. Funding provided by Community Development Block Grant.

Number of bids issued 6

Number of bids received 1

Trucks in the amount of \$53,985

Number of bids issued 6

Number of bids received 1

NO. 05-12-22 - RESOLVED, the following purchases be approved through grant funding (Fund 3):

Cafeteria Food and Supplies for the Cranston School Lunch Program for the period of January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006 be purchased in the estimated amount of \$358,069.39

Number of bids issued 11

Number of bids received 4

NO. 05-12-23- RESOLVED, that the following purchase through grant funding be approved:

Greenhouse for the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center in the amount of \$15,149.63 (funding from the Perkins Grant)

Number of bids issued 4

Number of bids received 1

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 05-12-24 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the 2005-2006 school calendar be amended to reflect that schools will be closed on January 2, 2006. New Year's Day falls on Sunday, January 1, 2006. According to Rhode Island Education Law 16-20-1, Rhode Island State Laws Title 25, Sections 25-3-3, 25-3-8, 25-3-9, and 25-3-11, January 1, 2006 falls on a Sunday; and, therefore, the holiday will be observed on Monday, January 2, 2006.

NO. 05-12-25 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following field trips/conferences of long duration be authorized:

Charles Jones, Cranston High School West baseball coach, and approximately twelve Cranston West baseball players, to travel to Delray Beach Florida, to participate in Bucky Dent's Baseball School from April 17, 2005 to April 22, 2005.

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Ann-Marie Zodda, Director of Special Education, to travel to Orlando, Florida to attend the 27th National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities from April 30, 2006 to May 3, 2006.

NO. 05-12-26 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, Policy

No. 5123 , Proficiency Based Diploma Policy, be amended for first reading.

TABLED RESOLUTION:

NO. 05-11-12 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of Employee A be accepted.

XIII. Action Calendar/Action Agenda

XIV. New Business

XV. Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items

XVI. Announcement of Future Meetings

XVII. Adjournment

School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairman in advance.

Notice Posted: December 9, 2005

PROFICIENCY BASED DIPLOMA POLICY 5123

Students

Promotion/Retention

Promotion

Elementary / Middle School

In general, students will be placed at the grade level to which they are best adjusted academically, socially and emotionally. Students will usually progress annually from grade to grade, spending one year in

each grade. However, some students will profit by staying another year in the same grade. In such cases, the parent will be contacted in advance, although the final decision will rest with the school authorities.

Following sound principles of child guidance, it will be the Cranston Public Schools' policy not to advocate the skipping of grades.

High School

On the high school level (Grades 9 through 12), this policy recognizes uniform graduation requirements to ensure that Cranston high school graduates leave with an educational experience that prepares them to demonstrate proficiency in a common core of studies. This enables students to produce evidence and reach proficiency that supports the following: that they are an inquisitive, literate, culturally aware, life-long learner, with positive self-esteem, who is able to think creatively and to analyze information critically. The student is a resourceful, technologically proficient worker, who contributes to team efforts. As a responsible citizen, the student is an ethical, self-reliant, and socially responsible member of the global community.

A student must complete the four components of the Rhode Island Department of Education's Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements to be eligible to receive a high school diploma from the

Cranston Public Schools. The four components are as follows:

- Completion of 20 Carnegie Units in designated course work (Six Core Areas)**
- Participation in end of course assessments**
- Participation in the Rhode Island Department of Education's Assessment Program**
- Completion of the Digital Proficiency Portfolio yearly artifact requirements at the proficiency level**

The number of subjects passed and credits earned as well as completing the above-noted Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements will determine a student's progress towards graduation. When it has been determined that students have successfully completed the work prescribed for their grade level, they shall be promoted to the next grade level.

Proficiency Based Diploma Policy 5123 (Continued)

Cranston Public Schools, in compliance with the Rhode Island Department of Education's High School Regulations, will implement the New High School Diploma System commencing with the Graduating Class of 2008. High school students will be required to pass and earn a minimum of 20 credits in specific content areas, as one measure, to earn a high school diploma from the Cranston Public Schools.

Indicated below are the minimum 20 credits required as part of the Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements that must be met by all students commencing with the Class of 2008.

CONTENT AREA CREDITS

English 4 credits

Mathematics 4 credits (3 credits in mathematics classes; 1 credit in a math related content course.*)

Science 2 credits

Social Studies 2 credits—(1 credit must be in US History)

Physical Education

Health 1 credit--.25 credits each year in Physical Education.

1 credit--.25 credits each year in Health. Students excused from physical education due to medical reasons must complete the health portion of the curriculum.

Digital Proficiency Portfolio 1 credit--.25 credits each year.

Fine Arts .5 Credits

Computer Technology .5 Credits

Electives The remaining 4 credits should be selected in conjunction with the student's guidance counselor and parent/guardian, while considering the student's goals and personal objectives to meet graduation requirements.

TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS 20

***Cranston Public Schools will publish a list of acceptable courses from which students may select to meet the 4th credit in mathematics. This course credit will count towards mathematics and cannot be used to meet the minimum graduation requirement of 20 credits in any other content area.**

Proficiency Based Diploma Policy 5123 (Continued)

Students will be required to demonstrate their proficiency in six core-content areas: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, The Arts, Technology as well as the Applied Learning

Skills. Students will be required to use multiple measures of performance that are consistent with the Rhode Island Common Core of Learning adopted by the Rhode Island Board of Regents. Student proficiency will be demonstrated by a minimum of two measures chosen by the Cranston Public Schools. These measures are end-of-course assessments and the digital proficiency portfolio.

Grade placement shall be the responsibility of the principal following consultation with professional staff. This placement shall be based on general achievement in relationship to the above-noted Rhode Island Department of Education's Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements with consideration being provided to the psychological, physical, social and emotional maturity of the student.

Grade placement is based on course credits earned and digital proficiency artifacts as follows:

- Grade 10 at least 5 credits and 10 digital proficiency artifacts and 10 reflections**
- Grade 11 at least 10 credits and 20 digital proficiency artifacts and 20 reflections**
- Grade 12 at least 15 credits and 30 digital proficiency artifacts and 30 reflections**

Policy adopted: March 20, 1972

Policy amended: CRANSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Resolution No.: CRANSTON, RI